

REMARKS

I. Introduction

This paper is in response to the advisory action dated July 12, 2005. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that the proposed amendments filed after final rejection will not be entered because they allegedly raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

a. Status of the Claims

Applicants note that claims 1, 3-6, 22, 28, 29, 33-39, 45-47, 51-54 and 56 are allowable.

Claims 7-21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30-32, 40-44, 48-50, 55 and 57 are requested to be cancelled. The cancellation of claims does not constitute acquiescence in the propriety of any rejection set forth by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent divisional applications.

Claims 45 and 51 are currently being amended. These claims have been amended include the limitations of the respective base claims 40 and 50, and to be in independent form.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 3-6, 22, 28, 29, 33-39, 45-47, 51-54 and 56 will remain pending in the application.

Because the foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter, entry thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

b. SB08 Form Filed on September 27, 2002

Applicants note that an initialed SB08 form submitted with an IDS filed on September 27, 2002 has not yet been received. For the examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a duplicate SB08 and Applicants respectfully request that the cited references be acknowledged.

II. Response to Issues Raised by Examiner in Outstanding Office Action

Claims 7-10, 24, 25, 30-32, 40-44, 48-50, 55 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner. However, to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 7-10, 24, 25, 30-32, 40-44, 48-50, 55 and 57. Therefore, the rejection is moot.

CONCLUSION

The present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

It is acknowledged that the foregoing amendments are submitted after final rejection. However, because the amendments do not introduce new matter or raise new issues, and because the amendments either place the application in condition for allowance or at least in better condition for appeal, entry thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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